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Lt. Col. Kevin Dixon, deputy commander, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, leads the 1st BCT staff during the change of command ceremony for all six battalions March 21, 2007. For more on the event, see below and page 10.

Six battalions change command in one ceremony

Story and photos by Spc.
David Hodge
1st BCT PAO

Six battalions from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, changed command during a ceremony on Cameron Field March 21 to honor the outgoing commanders and offer a warm

welcome to the incoming commanders.

During the ceremony that displayed several weathered variables matching the mood beginning with light rain and ending with clearing skies, the Raider Brigade said farewell to each departing battalion commander and welcomed six fresh lieutenant colonels to the position of battalion commander.

"On a day of mixed emotions, for me personally, we give a sad goodbye to six great battalion commanders that formed and trained their units, deployed them to Iraq for a year of combat operations and redeployed them back to Fort Hood," said Col. James Pasquarette, 1st BCT Commander. "How-

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Time for training, change in BDE

By Col. James Pasquarette
Commander, 1st BCT

Soldiers of the Raider Brigade: time for another update...

I know most of you have spent most of the last three weeks in the field conducting platoon and patrol lanes. I've had the opportunity to get out and see some of this training first hand. In short, it's some of the best training I've seen in 24 years in the Army. We have so much recent experience in Iraq in our formations that we leveraged which resulted in a realistic experience for our Soldiers.

I want to thank all those Soldiers that had something to do with this training. I had countless Soldiers tell me "I wish we would have done this training before we deployed last time..." I agree – the training I've seen this time is better by a wide



margin. A couple of specific training events stood out for me.

First was the Clear / Enter a Building and Tactical Site Exploitation lane conducted by 1-22 Infantry. This training was very excellent by any standard.

I watch 1LT Matt Moosey's scout platoon conduct TSE as they were observed / controlled by the company commander and battalion S2. Captain Joe Latendresse's attention to detail will make a difference in keeping insurgents detained.

Another great training event I got to see with the 1-66 Armor casualty evacuation and vehicle recovery lane. I saw a SGT/E5 platoon sergeant leading his platoon with a new platoon leader. The medical portion of this lane was realistic and challenging. In some cases, we actually got air medical evacuation on site to evacuate our "casualties."

I also got to see Company C, 7th Battalion, 10th Cavalry Regiment conduct cordon and search training at Hargrove MOUT site. Again, great training that focused on the basics.

Over the next three weeks the four battalions that will operate in

"battlespace" will get a thorough test during the Raider Brigade Field Training Exercise. The brigade headquarters will deploy to North Fort Hood on April 16 to establish itself. In turn, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment and 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery Regiment will deploy to North Fort Hood (FOB RAIDER) to conduct counterinsurgency operations in a designated area.

We are trying to replicate as much as we can within reason here at Fort Hood based on our recent experience. I'm confident this training will allow the battalion commanders to train their staffs – while also providing a good training experience for our company commanders.

Each company will conduct an air assault, cordon and search, a Nahia meeting, and other operations our company commanders were faced with last year. 1st Special Troops Battalion and 4th Support Battalion are both

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Pride in unit builds cohesiveness

By Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bobb
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This month is filled with special events.

Congratulations to the 21 Soldiers who graduated from the Warrior Leader Course, five of which graduated with honors, CPL Breaux, SGT Markgraf, SGT Pena-Faria, SGT Shields, and SGT Anderson. We must maximize attendance to NCOES courses, it's not only a requirement, but the first step to basic NCO leadership



training. Our BOSS program meetings are on hold until after the FTX, but I would encourage max participation in the Single Soldier's Day on April 26. This would involve the units not at NFH.

Expert Field Medical Badge: I visited the EFMB site where I gave words of encouragement to 19 of our 68W (Medic) Soldiers who began their first day with an orientation.

These Soldiers are competing for one of the most sought-after awards in the medical field; this badge recognizes Soldiers who attain a high degree of professional skill and proficiency as a field medic. It rewards those who can expertly perform both Soldier common tasks and medical tasks in a

simulated combat environment. Our candidates are studying for an extremely difficult written test on Sunday, so let's pray for their success.

A little about retention: We are proud of our Soldiers who continue to make a difference by reenlisting. Retaining Soldiers build leadership and loyalty, not only to our unit but also to our country. Thus far this month we have reenlisted 16 initial-terms, three mid-term, and three careerists.

Congratulations to these Soldiers for their selfless service and dedication to our nation. We need to increase the retention of our mid-

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Cultural knowledge special as 'K'

By Spc. David Hodge
1st BCT PAO

The capability to speak Arabic phrases is a note worthy skill for Soldiers to grasp these days; the ability to speak Arabic as a first language is an invaluable asset – for both the Soldier and his buddies.

Spc. Ahmad Khreisheh, training room clerk, Company A, 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, perhaps does not fit the mold some may perceive of a person whose family is of a relatively recent foreign origin.

He speaks in an excellent

English dialogue and fits in very well with his fellow Soldiers. With a gas mask strap covering his name tape on his protective vest, those who did not know him would probably think twice about his heritage.

Khreisheh said his parents moved to the United States from Palestine in 1985 in search of a better way of life for themselves and their future children. The first of four children, Ahmad was born in Oakland, Calif., in 1986, and his parents taught him the traditional Palestinian language and religion.

"Growing up, my parents were very much Americanized," said Khreisheh, commonly referred to as "Special K" among his comrades. "The two major things my parents taught me were the Muslim religion

and the Arabic language."

Khreisheh and his family moved around often when he was growing up, he remarked. Many of the relocations had him changing schools in numerous countries.

He attended first grade in Jordan; he then attended second through eighth grades in the United States, which included two years at a private Muslim school in Illinois; and he finished high school back in Jordan. During that span, he spent close to a year in Iraq but did not attend any classes.

It was in school that Khreisheh took English as a second language. However, he said it is his mother who deserves the most credit for his

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Chaplain's Corner:

Leave the Safety of the Harbor

By Maj. John Morales
Brigade Chaplain

Being a former Squid (Sailor for those who don't know) I have heard many quotes and quips about the Navy, navy vessels and those who sail on them. Some were funny, some not; some were ridiculous, and some were poignant. One such poignant quip is *"a ship is safe in the harbor, but that is not what ships are made for."* This may seem meaningless to us as Soldiers but the idea, particularly in today's climate of war, is very true. Though we of all people hate war, and pray for peace- we must understand that when the call to fight comes we cannot anchor ourselves in the safety of the harbor. Life is about risks, and risk requires sailing out into the open ocean never fully knowing what the weather may bring. And having sailed into and through many hurricane type storms I appreciate this assumption. Yet, I also know that a life fully lived requires moving out into the unknown to face the blessings, and curses that come. What our choice and challenge is, is that we face the unknown not in a state of fear and anxiety, but of wonder and expectation. Many in our Raider family are new, while some are old hats at this deployment "thing" yet we all have this in common- our humanity.

It is our human capacity for reason and intellect, for laughter and joy, for hope and strength, for

relationship and love, among many other things, that makes us the apex of God's creation, which also gives us the ability to navigate the coming personal and professional storms. We have the ability, with God and with each other, to face the coming months, and the coming deployment not in uncertainty and fear but with strength, determination and success. How we respond in these next days, weeks and months ahead will determine our ability to have solid marriages, solid homes, strong family relationships and a sense of peace and calmness as the whirlwind swirls about us. There are, I believe, ways we can do this with grace, dignity and serenity. We need not try to stay anchored in the safe harbor, but we can venture out and overcome whatever challenges come our way.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Develop a personal and family vision for the future. A charted course will help you stay on course and keep you moving forward.

2. Keep the lines of communication open and running. Nothing creates havoc faster and corrupts more than when life is built on the unexpected. Talk and ask questions, that way you get the straight scoop and keep your sense of balance in the storm.

3. Steer into the storm, don't run from it. Often when problems arise we seek the easy way out, but it leaves us defeated, demoralized and anxious. Facing the storm, with all the assets (personal and professional) available, develops confi-

dence and courage to face the next storm and the next and the next- hurdling each obstacle successfully.

4. Focus on the important.

When in a storm it is easy to be distracted by unimportant activities. Staying focused on the important enables energy expenditure on the right things and the right way, thus "running out of gas" does not happen.

5. Don't believe everything you see or hear. As Americans we can often thrive on rumor, unfortunately when what is true and real is distorted and twisted we get lost. Hence, suggestion number 2 above.

6. Be disciplined- physically, mentally and spiritually. Discipline teaches, corrects and steers us straight by developing steady, sustained efforts and habits that will keep us from foundering on the open seas.

7. Lastly, but not least, involve others- family, friends and others whom you trust who can help motivate and strengthen you for the course. They will also help create conditions for thinking, acting and moving in ways never thought possible.

It is said that the founder of Christianity, when faced with His ultimate death in Jerusalem *"set His face like flint"* towards the storm knowing the risks and the ultimate prize awaiting Him and humanity as a whole. Without fear or discouragement He faced this storm and His life mission resolutely and joyfully, even

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1st BCT lane training at full throttle

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Soldiers with the 1st Brigade Combat Team, the Raider Brigade, 4th Infantry Division traveled out to North Fort Hood for a three week field training exercise to prepare for their next trip downrange.

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael I. Bobb, the CSM for the Raider Brigade explained how "Raider Scrimmage", will help the Soldiers become more proficient with the tasks that will be asked of them while they are deployed.

"We want every Soldier to focus on the basic skills that might have fallen behind since their last deployment", Bobb said.

Most of the Soldiers have just returned from a tour in Iraq, so this is mainly a reiteration of what they practiced while they were there,

Bobb added.

"We've only been here a couple of days and from what I've seen in the last 24 hours, a gradual improvement has already begun," Bobb said.

"We want them to go back to knowing their skills and acting upon them like it is second nature," Bobb went on to say that, while last deployed, the Soldiers with 1st BCT knew their mission and knew what they needed to do to accomplish it.

Lt. Col Richard Caya, the executive officer of the Raider Brigade explained how the Forward Operating Base Raider, where Soldiers will be staying during the duration of their training is a environment set up as a replica of what will be seen while they are downrange. This increases the realistic field that they will have while in theatre, he said.

"We want to train our Soldiers to know how to secure our AO [Area of Operation], build trust with the

population, try to neutralize insurgency attacks that are known to be in the areas and other exercises that will help while we are deployed," Caya added.

Many of the missions that take place while the Raider Brigade is in the field will not be like normal situational training exercise lanes that they had in the old days. There is no certain number of how many missions will be conducted, Caya said.

"The missions will be dependent upon how each unit accomplishes their tasks," Caya explained.

The first sergeant of Company A, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st BCT, 4th Inf. Div., 1SG Bryan M. Bandy, has hopes that his Soldiers will leave FOB Raider more improved then when they started.

"These are obstacles they'll encounter overseas," Bandy added.

"Some of my Soldiers are ones that deployed with us during our last tour. Others are new and have never deployed, so this is a way for them to

work together and get rid of any initial problems to make sure we accomplish the mission while downrange," Bandy said.

Bobb felt positive that this training will be successful. "By the time we leave here, I feel confident that we will have accomplished what we needed to do and that we're ready for our next mission," Bobb said.



Soldiers and officers of 1st BCT, 4th Inf. Div. follow the battle from the command center.

1st Bn., 66th AR Soldiers search for missing child ends tragically

By Spc. David Hodge
1st BCT PAO

Soldiers from 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, sprang into action Saturday and Sunday when they aided search efforts in an attempt to locate Isaiah Conway, a 2-year old child, who was reported missing east of Fort Hood in the area of Nolan Creek.

On the first day of the search, approximately 109 Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, searched an estimated four kilometers down the, said Maj. Peter Dargle, operations officer, 1-66 AR.

On Sunday, a total of 568 Soldiers

from throughout the battalion's companies were scheduled to search a ten kilometer area, Dargle added. Also aiding in the search were air assets from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Tragically however, Soldiers from Company D located the body of the missing child at approximately 10 a.m. Sunday.

The Soldiers from Co. D were the first Soldiers on the scene, said 1st Sgt. Alfredo Pacheco, Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 66th AR, 1st BCT.

"That wasn't the outcome my Soldiers and I had hoped for, but we did our mission."

The weather during the past weekend did not favor the searchers as heavy rainfall led to high water

levels in the creek, which also led to challenges in searching the banks of the creek due to the hazardous conditions.

Because of fairly swift current and water depth ranging anywhere from two to five feet, Soldiers were not allowed in the water, said Dargle. Spc. Dominic Buscemi, Co. A, 1-66 AR, who searched both days for the child, said he felt it was important to assist in the search.

"As a father, I was motivated to locate the missing child. If it were my child, I would want people to search for my son too – especially if I was deployed," said Buscemi.

"The Soldiers of the 1st Bn., 66th AR, 1st BCT performed admirably during the mission and were very focused and dedicated in finding the child," concluded Dargle.

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postured to provide great support for this exercise.

Although this will be a complex field training exercise, I don't want to get too far away from the basics. I am directing a focused look at troop leading procedures prior to a patrol, patrol discipline during execution, EOF/ROE application, and other basic competencies that are so critical in combat.

After we complete this exercise, the focus for the battalions will be crew / platoon live fire qualification. This is an important training gate for the brigade to master. What separates us from just about every Army in the world is that we hit what we shoot at. In addition to crew and patrol qualification, we will

also focus on individual qualification. We will receive over 1000 M4 rifles to replace all our M16s – a great improvement. Take this training seriously. Expert is the goal.

Two last points. I know the entire chain of command was surprised by the Secretary of Defense's announcement on the extension of Army tours to 15 months. Honestly, I don't know what this means for us right now. As I write this, we are not in receipt of a deployment order. 4ID Headquarters will soon determine what this all means and will get out some information. Until then, focus on the task at hand – the brigade FTX and gunnery.

Finally, I have recently signed a

policy change on violations of the motorcycle safety standards. I am withholding UCMJ authority over non-compliance with established motorcycle standards. Get the word out...and be smart. We are losing too many Soldiers to motorcycle injuries.

OK – I continue to be so proud of the great job you've done in getting us to this point in time. It was only four months ago that we redeployed from Iraq. We now have an entire set of new equipment that we are training on. This is no small feat – and I thank you for your commitment to the mission at hand.

I'll see you in the field over the next couple of months...

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First battle streamer for 7-10 Cavalry

By Spc. David Hodge
1st BCT PAO

The senior leaders of the 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division placed the regiment's first battle streamer on its standard March 20, 2007 at Fort Hood's Cameron Field.

Lt. Col. Dave Thompson, commander, 7th Sqdn, 10th Cav. Regt., 1st BCT, 4th Inf. Div. along with Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Keeler, command sergeant major, 7th Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt. attached an Iraqi campaign battle streamer to the squadron's standard signifying the unit's recent deployment to Iraq.

"This is an important event because the Soldiers of this great organization deployed to combat and performed superbly and honorably in a really tough environment," said Col. James Pasquarette, commander, 1st BCT, 4th Inf. Div. "Today you are blazing a new trail and this is history."

"Our Cavalry Squadron patrolled a large and challenging portion of the Raider Area of Operation during the deployment to Iraq," said Maj. Dave Olson, the brigade spokesman. "They are true heroes and great Americans."

The 7th Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt. transformed from the 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment before the Operation Iraqi Free-



U.S. Army photo by Spc. David Hodge

Lt. Col. Dave Thompson, commander, 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, and Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Keeler attach the squadron's first battle streamer to their standard signifying its recent deployment to Iraq March 20, 2007 on Fort Hood's Cameron Field.

dom 05-07 deployment.

"This regiment didn't exist until Lt. Col. Thompson stood it up about two years ago and the squadron and [troop] commanders and [the] command sergeant

major have done a fantastic job," said Pasquarette.

"These Soldiers should be proud they have had the opportunity to serve in the 7th Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt."

Raider Brigade in Action

U.S. Army Photos by Spc. David Hodge, 1st BCT PAO



Soldiers from Company A, 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, prepare to enter and clear a room during night operation training at the Hargrove MOUT Facility March 28, 2007.



Soldiers from Company A, 1st Bn., 66th AR, 1st BCT, 4th Inf. Div., detain and question a supposed insurgent during training at the Hargrove MOUT Facility March 29, 2007.



Soldiers from Company A, 1st Bn., 66th AR, 1st BCT, 4th Inf. Div., follow a command wire during dismounted route clearance training at the Hargrove MOUT Facility March 29, 2007.



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Edgar Reyes, 2nd BCT PAO
Capt. Brady Licari, incoming commander, receives the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment's guidon from Lt. Col. David Hill, battalion commander, 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, March 30, 2007.



Lt. Col. Craig Newman, commander, 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, passes command of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Bn., 42nd FAR to Cpt. Scott D. Mosley March 20, 2007.



Lt. Col. Michael Snow, battalion commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Martinez attaches the Iraq battle streamer on the 4th Support Battalion's standard March 20, 2007.

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career Soldiers. There are a lot of great benefits to staying in; the medical and dental benefits speak for themselves. There are also entitlements to help pay for additional costs such as housing. The Soldiers approaching reenlistment (mid-careerists) are high-caliber individuals who entered the Army three to five years ago — an indication

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linguistic skills.

“My mom taught me the basics of the English language and school further helped me learn it,” said Khreisheh.

At the age of 17, Khreisheh decided he wanted to enlist in the U.S. Army but needed to persuade his parents to sign a consent form.

“My mother didn’t like the idea, but I wanted to do something different,” he said. “It took me from the beginning of my senior year until the summer after I graduated to convince my mother to let me join. When I convinced her, I was gone to basic a week later.”

He enlisted as an infantryman and spent the Operation Iraqi Freedom 05-07 deployment guarding entry checkpoints into the International Zone while assigned with 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Inf. Div.

Already knowing the

that the Army’s future noncommissioned officer corps will be as professional and capable as today’s.

Lastly, I am extremely proud of our Soldiers and the training that they are doing. Always think safety. It’s the key to protecting our most valuable asset...our Soldiers!

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native language was very useful to Khreisheh while guarding the checkpoints.

“At the checkpoints I worked at, I was able to actually communicate to people better because I wasn’t a translator. I had a weapon. I could protect myself and other Soldiers had my back. So when I told people entering the checkpoint to do something, they had to do it then,” said Khreisheh.

During normal work days, Khreisheh runs the company training room. During a field exercise March 27 – 29 however, he found himself serving as a class instructor for each company in the battalion.

“The class is about the religious aspect of the Middle East as well as some cultural information about the area and basic Arabic phrases,” he commented.

Soldiers copied down the information on notepads and questioned Khreisheh

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with its setbacks. If you read Gospels of the Christian scriptures I believe you will find He developed the above list, and practiced them quite successfully. His course was charted and He sailed on. So, as we continue to sail towards the upcoming deployment to Iraq I encourage all who read this to try the suggestions I gave, do it faithfully and I believe the deployment will not have the devastating affect we fear. Why? Because we have each other and we have God to go with us every step of the way. Godspeed, and I will see you on the ocean we call life.

afterwards about the proper pronunciations of words.

“The class was very informative because it shows that the Army is trying to teach us about (the Iraqi) culture and not just about war,” said Pvt. Paul Szabo, infantryman, Co., 1st Bn., 66th AR.

With all the turmoil currently in the Middle

East, Soldiers such as Khreisheh have an opportunity to share their unique abilities with their fellow Soldiers: the knowledge of the Arabic culture and language. Khreisheh has taken on this challenge as he helps his fellow Soldiers garner cultural insights as they prepare for any future potential missions in the region.



U.S. Army photo by Spc. David Hodge, 1st BCT PAO

Spc. Ahmad Khreisheh, training room clerk, Company A, 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, teaches a cultural awareness class to Soldiers during training at the Hargrove Military Operations in Urban Terrain facility on Fort Hood March 28.

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ever, we are welcoming six fantastic battalion commanders to the team. All the chosen commanders have great reputations within the 4th Inf. Div."

Lt. Col. Matthew Elledge assumed command from Lt. Col. Craig Osborne of 1st Bn., 22nd Inf. Regiment. Elledge recently served as the executive officer for 2nd BCT.

Lt. Col. Troy Smith assumed command of the 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regt. from Lt. Col. Dave Thompson. Smith was the deputy commanding officer for 4th BCT.

Lt. Col. Scott McKean assumed command of 1st Bn., 66th Armor Regt. from Lt. Col. Rocky Kmiecik. McKean's most recent assignment was the deputy G-

3 for the 4th Inf. Div.

Lt. Col. Robert Kirby assumed command of 4th Bn., 42nd Field Artillery Regt. Kirby previously served as the deputy chief of staff for the 4th Inf. Div.

Lt. Col. David Hill assumed command of the 1st Special Troops Bn. from Lt. Col. John Cross. Hill's most recent assignment was the chief of training for the 4th Inf. Div.

Lt. Col. Darren Werner assumed command of the 4th Support Bn. from Lt. Col. Michael Snow. Werner comes from the Human Resource Center in Washington D.C.

"To the new commanders, enjoy this time in your career because it will be the best job you will ever have," said Pasquarette. "I

feel great about these officers taking command as we face another pending deployment to Iraq. You guys are the right leaders at the right time in the right place."

Pasquarette noted that the job that lay before them was not going to be easy. "After serving as a brigade commander in Iraq, I've come to the conclusion that the battalion-level echelon is where the counter-insurgency fight is happening."

"I simply provide guidance and resources. Battalions take that guidance and employ those resources to accomplish the mission. Whether it's meeting with local Iraqi government, training Iraqi Security Forces, progressing essential service projects or conducting offensive operations to defeat insurgents across Iraq, the outgoing commanders are the best of the best and nothing was too difficult for these great Americans," he added.

Lt. Col. Rocky Kmiecik, outgoing commander, 1st Bn., 66th AR, stated, "today is my 1,000th day in command." He said the hardest thing about command is losing Soldiers as he displayed his armband listing 11 Soldiers from his unit killed in action.

Pasquarette attributed some of the successes of the incoming and outgoing commanders to their wives as well. "As much as I hate to see these great



Lt. Col. David Hill, incoming commander, accepts the 1st Special Troops Battalion standard from Col. James Pasquarette, commander, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, during the change of command ceremony.

commanders leave, their spouses deserve as much credit for overseeing their respective Family Readiness Group programs and contributing countless hours of volunteer help by caring for the families of the Soldiers."

These Soldiers and their wives each form a team that works together to serve their country and accomplish any mission. "We say goodbye to these six great battalion command teams that served their nation with honor in one of the most difficult times in our history. I can't adequately express how much I personally owe and thank you for your service to your country," said Pasquarette.

"I am confident we'll accomplish the [next] mission because I know we have the best Soldiers in the world in our formation," said Pasquarette.



Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bobb, Command Sergeant Major, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, stands behind the color guard during the change of command ceremony.